

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): An apparatus for purifying contaminated water by photochemical oxidation, wherein at least a sub-flow of water is directed through a flow channel wherein the water is irradiated with UV electromagnetic radiation from an array of UV lamp assemblies, characterised in that each of said UV lamp assemblies include a high-pressure UV halogen lamp which is mounted generally parallel with the flow direction in the channel and that the lamp assemblies include a tubular UV absorber around each lamp.

Claim 2 (original): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the absorber is made of an infrared radiation absorbing material.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the absorber is made of or coated by a radiation protective material shielding the wave lengths that may decompose or prevent the creation of OH[•] and atomic oxygen O^{3P}.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1 ~~any of the claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the lamp assembly includes means for supplying dispersion chemical to the water upstream the UV high-pressure lamp.

Claim 5 (original): An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein at least one oxidation chemical is dispersed in the water.

Claim 6 (original): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said oxidation chemical is oxygen, hydrogen peroxide, ozone, perchloric acetic acid or any combination thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1

~~any of the claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the UV high-pressure lamp radiates intensive UV electromagnetic radiation with a wavelength in the range of 150 nm to 260 nm, preferably in the range of 160 nm to 220 nm, and most preferably in the range of 192 nm to 205 nm.

Claim 8 (original): An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the UV high-pressure lamp radiates the water with at least 25 mJ/cm², preferably at least 120 mJ/cm².

Claim 9 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, wherein an array of lamp assemblies are parallelly arranged in a cassette module, which is insertable into the flow channel.

Claim 10 (original): A method of purifying contaminated water by photochemical oxidation, whereby at least a sub-flow of water is directed through a flow channel wherein the water is irradiated with UV electromagnetic radiation from at least one UV lamp assembly, characterised in that the water flow is radiated with UV radiation by at least one UV halogen high-pressure lamp assembly, which is energy intensive wave lengths in the range of 150 nm to 260 nm, preferably in the range of 160 nm to 220 nm, and most preferably in the range of 192 nm to 205 nm and that the at least one lamp assembly includes a tubular UV absorber around the lamp shielding the water flow through the lamp assembly.

Claim 11 (original): A method according to claim 10, whereby the absorber is made of an infrared radiation absorbing material.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method according to claim 10 ~~or 11~~, whereby the absorber is made of or coated by a radiation protective material preventing decomposing of OH[•] and preventing

the creation of atomic oxygen O^{3P}.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method according to claim 10 to 12, whereby dispersion chemical is supplied into the water flow upstream the UV high-pressure lamp, preferably in the inlet opening of the tubular absorber.

Claim 14 (original): A method according to claim 13, whereby at least one oxidation chemical is dispersed in the water.

Claim 15 (original): A method according to claim 14, whereby the oxidation chemical is oxygen, hydrogen peroxide, ozone, perchloric acetic acid or any combination thereof.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method according to claim 10 any of the claims 10 to 15, whereby the UV high-pressure lamp radiates the water with at least 25 mJ/cm², preferably at least 120 mJ/cm².

Claim 17 (currently amended): A method according to claim 10 any of the claims 10 to 16, whereby an array of lamp assemblies are parallelly arranged in the flow channel in a cassette module, which is inserted into the flow channel.